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RESTRICTIONS ON OLDER SHIPS
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Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a report prepared by an inter-ministerial group of experts has called for restricting ships older than 25 years from sailing in Indian waters;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of ships over 25 years old sitting on Indian coasts/seabed?

Answer

MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) & (b): The Report of the Committee on Urgent Measures for Prevention of Marine Casualties and Emergency Response, headed by Director General of Shipping, Mumbai has suggested that all vessels over 25 years of age should be discouraged from plying in Indian waters during the monsoon months.

(c): There is no historical statistical record of ships wrecked or those not salvaged on the Indian coast/seabed. However, as per the limited data available with the Directorate General of Shipping, Mumbai, for last 3 years about ships that were 25 years of age when they met with shipping casualties and now sitting on Indian coast/ seabed after such incidents the information is as follows:

S.No. Year No. of Ships

1 2005 3
2 2006 4
3 2007 12